(c) if so, the particulars of the advice given to the Institute and the action taken to get the stay order vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Institute has been advised to defend the case vigorously so as to get the stay order vacated. The matter is still sub-judice.

Dereservation of Posts by AIIMS

1800. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in August, 1989 the AIIMS, New Delhi advertised 23 posts of Assistant Professors, out of which 14 posts were reserved for SCs/STs and the actual interview of candidates were arranged about a year later in November, 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that although there were about 155 qualified and eligible candidates from the SCs/STs, only 5 of them were selected against 14 reserved vacancies, and 13 posts were filled up by General Candidates for whom only 9 posts were advertised;

(c) whether the excess recruitment of General candidates was done aganist the Government orders banning de-reservation issued as early as on 25th April, 1989;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Selection Committee was not constituted as per the norms of Government order requiring inclusion of a SC/ST representative in such a Committee; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not quashing the appointments so made against standing Government orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, 74 SC and 12 ST candidates applied against these posts. 46 SC and 7 ST candidates were called for interview but only 35 SC and 5 ST candidates appeared for interview and 5 of them were selected. 9 reserved vacancies were filled from amongst the general candidates and the vacancies were carried forward to next year/advertisement. AIIMS is following the reservation policy as decided by its Institute/Governing Body.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Neem Oil

1801. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Neem Oil has been identified as useful in the preparation of anti-AIDS and anti-fertility medicines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) According to information received from Indian Council of Medical Research, no evidence is available regarding the usefulness of Neem Oil as anti-AIDS medicine. As regards the anti-fertility effects of Neem Oil, it has only been demonstrated in animal studies and human studies on this aspect are yet to be initiated.